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A QUIETER PLACE?

Activists say not much attention paid to outer zone where menace is more pronounced

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Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) appears to be tightening the noose around noise pollution from vehicles in the city.

Official data shows that in 2025 (January and February), nearly 5,000 cases of defective silencer, shrill horn, and use of horn in silent zones have been registered by the traffic police, compared with 1,500 cases in the corresponding period in 2024 and 0 cases in 2023.

"While we have not received any instruction specific to booking vehicles with illegal horns or unnecessary honking, it is an offence and we have been booking cases regularly," said a traffic police official.

Moreover, a majority of these cases have been registered under 'contactless' enforcement, underscoring the important role that technology can play in curbing this menace.

Contactless enforcement involves automated detection of violations by AI cameras (ITeMS) without human intervention. It includes Digital Field Traffic Violation Reports (FTVR) and crowd-sourced data from social media. This method leverages evidence-based

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"The penalty for alterations starts at Rs 5,000. The traffic police can use this provision, which will be a better deterrent. Bengaluru is still imposing Rs 500 for illegal horns, as against Rs 1,000 and higher amounts as per MVA

—Anti-noise crusader

Summer of '25

March weather aligns with typical patterns, with temperatures hitting 34°C on 17 days; experts predict normal summer ahead

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As March ended, Bengaluru's weather has been deemed "normal" by weather experts. According to a weather update shared on the X platform by Namma Karnataka Weather, this month was not as harsh as last year but rather in line with typical summer patterns for the city.

"Looking at the data for the past 15 years, March has been an important ramp-up month for the city's summer season. Historically, Bengaluru experiences temperatures of 34°C or above on an average of 17 days during this time. This year, the city reached exactly 17 days of temperatures at or above 34°C, aligning with the long-term average. In addition to the warm temperatures, Bengaluru received rainfall on two separate days this March, which helped ease the heat somewhat. For comparison, last year saw a much more intense summer, with temperatures reaching 34°C or higher on a staggering 27 days, marking one of the hottest periods in recent years," said the update.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Jazz fusion

Modern jazz will be meeting cinematic grooves as Windmills is presenting a performance by Andorra, the critically acclaimed Danish indie jazz ensemble. The band is renowned for their fusion of Nordic jazz influences with a distinct indie expression.

Where: Windmills, Whitefield;
When: April 4 and 5, 9.30 pm

02 Folklore chronicles

Raga Shankara is organising 'Droupathi Heltavle', a play about the important turn of events in Draupadi's life, characterised by herself throught the play.

Where: Raga Shankara, JP Nagar;
When: April 2, 7.30 pm

03 Literary journey

BIC is organising a talk where historian Vanya Vaidehi Bhargav will be in conversation with author Kavitha Rao about her new book 'Spies, Lies and Allies', a thrilling tale about two forgotten revolutionaries who led lives that defy belief.

Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur;
When: April 2, 6.30 pm

Protest against lifting Bandipur traffic ban grows stronger

Activists assert relaxing night traffic ban risks wildlife in critical habitats frequented by tigers, elephants, and leopards, endangering reserve and disrupting ecosystem balance

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The campaign against the possible lifting of the night time traffic ban from National Highway 766 in the core zone of Bandipur National Park is building steam. After a series of meetings, local farmers, members of various non-governmental organizations, lawyers, and wildlife activists have decided to hold a protest on NH766, on April 6.

Activist Joseph Hoover stated that a walkathon titled "Walk for Bandipur" will be organized on April 6, unless the state government issues a statement assuring locals that the night traffic ban will remain in effect. "We are giving time to the government to respond. In the absence of a reply, hundreds of protestors will gather on the highway to forestall any such action," he said.

Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre has said that a decision on the night traffic ban would be made after consulting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and legal experts

Concerns had been growing since Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, during a public meeting in Wayanad, Kerala, in November last year, declared that the government would take all necessary measures to lift the night traffic ban, which had been reinstated by the Karnataka High Court in 2010 and upheld by the Supreme Court in 2019.

The issue escalated after Karnataka Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre met with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi last week. After the meeting, Khandre said that a decision on the night traffic ban would be made after consulting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and legal experts.

Roadkill data compiled by locals reveals that 30 wildlife deaths were recorded on NH 766 and NH 181 between 2021 and 2025. There were 2 roadkill incidents in 2021, 9 in 2022, 4 in 2023, 13 in 2024, and 2 deaths in 2025 so far.

Wildlife activists and conservationists opine that any relaxation in the night traffic ban will prove disastrous as the highway passes through critical wildlife habitats frequented by a variety of wildlife, including tigers, elephants, and leopards.

A local activist highlighted the alarming impact of roadkills, stating that over the past few years, 26 deers, 3 civets, and one elephant have been lost. The activist warned that reversing the night traffic ban on NH 766 would endanger wildlife in the reserve. "On the contrary, the government should consider increasing the duration of the ban and changing it to 7 pm to 6 am instead of the current 9 pm to 6 am. We will start the campaign in Mysore, Bengaluru, Chamrajnagara, and other parts of Karnataka after Sunday," the activist said.

Explorer of flavours shares scrumptious stories of food, tradition and change

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Food is more than sustenance, it embodies memory, culture, and emotion through flavors, textures, and aromas. Every bite reflects history, geography, and innovation. While traditions clash with trends, personal tastes shape experiences. From fiery Andhra curry to buttery Mangalorean ghee roast, each dish tells a story of evolving culinary artistry.

One such storyteller is Kripal Amanna, who transitioned from corporate life to becoming one of India's leading voices in the food industry. An MBA graduate, he began his career at Taj Bombay in sales and marketing but soon found his true calling in food. Launching Food Lovers magazine and later diving into video storytelling, Kripal set out to capture the essence of culinary heritage beyond fine dining. "Food has the power to connect people, it's a universal language," he says. He beleives that a well-made idli or dosa is more than just a dish, it's a story of tradition, patience, and authenticity.

The legacy of food culture

Food culture is not built overnight, it takes generations to embed itself in the DNA of a place. In Karnataka, food habits shift every 100 km, shaped by variations in soil, climate, and water. Jolada rotti, once a staple, is now vanishing from mainstream menus, served only in select places. Udupi cuisine, historically spread by Madhva communities, and coastal Karnataka's seafood legacy, pioneered by the Shetty community, have withstood the test of time due to their deep-rooted foundations.

Truth in food: Fusion or confusion?

The modern food industry thrives on experimentation. Fusion food, at its best, is a blend of cultures; at its worst, it is a gimmick designed for social media. Kripal notes, "Food must evolve, but it should do so with reason, not spectacle. Historically, spices were chosen based on necessity, pepper and chilli thrived in the South to counteract the heat. Today, fusion often ignores these fundamentals, creating dishes more for Instagram than for the palate."

Social media boost to small hotels

While trends can be fleeting, social media has helped preserve and elevate traditional food. Kripal recalls discovering a small eatery in Halaguru, 80 km from Bengaluru, serving Chiblu Idlis, steamed in bamboo over a wood fire instead of steel vessels. A short video about this humble place led to an influx of 800 visitors in a single weekend. "Some places carry sincerity and purity that social media cannot manufacture. They survive not on trends, but on legacy," he says.

Similarly, Hoskote Biryani, famous as the "4 am biryani," has its roots in a simple history. Originally a meal for truck drivers starting early journeys, this tradition evolved into an institution, proving that some food trends endure because they serve a real purpose.

Food carries stories, and one of the biggest culinary debates today is pulao vs biryani. While pulao has ancient roots, biryani's name derives from the Persian words 'birian' (fried before cooking) and 'birinj' (rice). Some legends credit the Mughals for bringing it to India, while others believe it was a nourishing dish created for soldiers.

In Bengaluru alone, biryani takes many forms, such as the Donne Biryani, Hyderabadi Biryani, Ambur Biryani, each with its own identity. But in the end, does terminology matter? Kripal reflects, "Biryani belongs to everyone's taste. Instead of debating its authenticity, we should simply enjoy it."

The changing taste of time

Industrialisation and lifestyle changes have transformed everything, from the milk we drink to the vegetables we eat. Cows once grazed freely, now, their diet includes plastic. Vegetables, once naturally cultivated, are now bred for quantity over taste.

Yet, food is more than just ingredients, it's a blend of culture, memory, and emotion. In the digital age, social media influences food choices, often creating unrealistic expectations. A restaurant may appear flawless online but fail to impress in person.

Kripal challenges quick judgments, what if a beloved restaurant serves one disappointing meal after years of excellence? Chefs, like anyone, have good and bad days. Instead of blaming them instantly, we should recognise the human effort behind every plate and appreciate the emotions embedded in our food.

Drilling illegal borewells? Jail could await offenders

BWSSB seeks to make unauthorised borewell drilling cognisable offense, pushing for stricter penalties, including mandatory imprisonment

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As the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) gears up to curb the menace of illegal borewell drilling in the city, unauthorised drillers could soon face mandatory imprisonment.

The utility is planning to approach the state government to amend the Karnataka Ground Water (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Act, 2011, to make illegal drilling of borewell a cognisable offense.

"While BWSSB has a mechanism in place to deal with cases of illegal borewell drilling, we have recently received complaints of many unauthorised drilling instances. The main roadblock is that the drilling of a borewell is a non-cognisable offence. BWSSB is planning to approach the government to amend the Act to make it a cognisable offense," said V Ram Prasath Manohar, chairman, BWSSB.

Notably, under section 32 in Karnataka Ground Water (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Act, 2011, illegal borewell drilling is punishable with a fine which may extend to ten thousand rupees or imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year.

Nearly a month ago, the utility had banned borewell drilling in the city due to plummeting groundwater levels. BWSSB had also stated that the Board will continue to regulate groundwater the rest of the year as well to avoid over-exploitation.

However, many cases of unauthorised drilling have been highlighted by residents across the city. Multiple instances of fresh borewell drilling in the Whitefield area have been highlighted after the BWSSB's ban.

"We have spotted many instances of illegal drilling and have apprised BWSSB. However, no legal action is taken against violators. We have also approached the Karnataka Groundwater Authority and the local police station with a request to take action against violators. However, there has been no improvement on the ground. Amending the Act and making illegal drilling a cognisable offence is the way to go forward, as it might be a deterrent. However, BWSSB should consider an integrated civic policing force, on the lines of BBMP marshals, but with more empowerment and authority, for effective implementation," said Sandeep Anirudhan of Citizens' Agenda for Bengaluru.

KGWA missing in action

The Karnataka Groundwater Authority (KGWA), established under the Karnataka Groundwater (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Act, is responsible for regulating and managing groundwater resources in the state and preventing overexploitation.

However, the Authority has been indifferent towards the current status of groundwater in the city or across the state, as indicated by a BWSSB official.

"As part of the process, we write to KGWA to apprise the Authority of every illegal borewell drilling instance. However, we do not receive even acknowledgements in response to these letters. While BWSSB is trying to do its best, KGWA is the authority responsible for regulating groundwater," said a BWSSB official.

When BM approached KGWA officials, they remained unavailable to comment.

Heatwave protection for pourakarmikas

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The Karnataka High Court verbally stated on Tuesday that the state government needs to formulate a comprehensive plan to safeguard the pourakarmikas/sanitation workers during summer months and heat waves.

Justice M Nagaprasanna noted that when the contingency happens every year, heatwaves occur across several portions of the state during the season, requiring the state government to put together a comprehensive plan and do away with ad-hocism.

Whilst hearing a petition from the All India Central Council of Trade Unions, the bench issued notice to the government, scheduling the next hearing for Friday, noting that these workers rely solely on state support.

The petitioners sought directions for the Chief Secretary to instruct authorities to implement necessary measures during summer, as outlined in the Karnataka State Heat Wave Action Plan 2024-25 and the advisory on climate change and human health from the Health and Family Welfare Department.

Additionally, they requested the respondents to ensure suitable working conditions for the pourakarmikas during the summer months to uphold justice and equity.

An interim order was sought for immediate action on the March 12 communication from the Karnataka Commission for Safai Karamcharis, which was sent to various departments, including Urban Development, Municipal Administration, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, the BBMP Chief Commissioner, and Deputy Commissioners.

When the government advocate mentioned that municipalities have independent budgets for staff welfare, the court questioned the lack of sensitivity over a serious matter such as facilitating drinking water.

The court instructed the AGA (Additional Government Advocate) to obtain instructions regarding working hours regulation during a heatwave and the provision of facilities, including drinking water, and to schedule the next hearing for Friday.

Upon learning about the unimplemented March 12 order from the Karnataka Commission for Safai Karamcharis, the court stated that nothing has been implemented and action is required immediately.

Murder or suicide? Probe on

A 44-year-old woman, identified as Hema, was found dead under suspicious circumstances at her residence in Nanjappa Layout, Adugodi. Her family has alleged that she was murdered by her husband, who they claim was involved in an extramarital affair.

According to family members in the complaint, Hema had previously informed them about her husband's illicit relationship and his decision to arrange a separate house for the other woman nearby. Earlier in January, she had attempted suicide by consuming poison due to the distress caused by her husband's actions.

On Saturday, Hema was found dead, and her husband claimed that she had committed suicide by hanging herself, citing concerns over their daughter's education as the reason.

However, no one reportedly saw Hema hanging, raising doubts about the circumstances of her death. The family members, who saw her body at the hospital, strongly suspect foul play and have accused her husband of murder.

The police have registered a case of suspicious death and are awaiting the post-mortem report to determine the cause of death. Police officials have launched an investigation.

Thieves snatch pet dog

A woman in Jayanagar 9th Block has filed a complaint with Tilaknagar Police after her pet dog was snatched by two unidentified miscreants on a two-wheeler late at night.

The complainant, Madhura S Kom Aryamudu Babu (36), a private company employee, stated in her complaint that the incident took place on March 12, around 10:30 pm. She was walking her pet dog, Richie, near Shakti Medical Road when two individuals wearing helmets and black jackets approached from behind and grabbed the dog from her hands before speeding away.

Richie, a four-year-old white and brown puppy, is valued at approximately ₹10,000.

The complainant has urged the police to locate her stolen pet and take action against the culprits. The Tilaknagar Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation. Police officials are examining CCTV footage from the area to identify the suspects and their vehicle. Investigation is ongoing.

Six attack driver to death

A goods vehicle driver was murdered in AK Colony, Banashankari Phase II, on Monday evening. Nikhil, originally from Mysore, was attacked and killed by a group of six individuals on a bike around 8 pm.

Eyewitnesses describe the attack as swift and merciless—Nikhil was hacked with machetes and sharp weapons, leaving him critically wounded. The attackers fled the scene before anyone could intervene. Locals rushed Nikhil to KIMS Hospital, but doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The motive behind the murder remains unknown. Authorities are investigating whether it was a result of an old enmity or a sudden provocation. "We have registered a case at Banashankari police station and are actively pursuing leads," said South Zone DCP Lokesh Jalsagar.

"Preliminary findings indicate the involvement of six people. We are analysing CCTV footage and gathering witness statements." With the killers still at large, police teams are investigating it.

A chilling wave of violent crimes has cast a shadow over the city, with an alarming constant of 100 murder cases reported within the past two months. The trend has raised concerns about public safety, with cases emerging from various parts of the city.

From gang-related violence to personal vendettas, the motives behind these crimes vary, but the outcome remains grim: a growing death toll that has sent shockwaves through the city.

City set for grand Carnatic fest

For the next fortnight, Bengaluru will transform into a vibrant hub of Carnatic music, continuing its cherished tradition of hosting grand concerts after Ramanavami. Each year, the city resonates with soulful renditions by eminent musicians, attracting classical music enthusiasts from across the country. As temples, cultural organisations, and sabhas come alive with performances by both legendary artists and emerging talents, Bengaluru reaffirms its rich heritage of celebrating Ram Navami with devotion and melody.

As per tradition, Bengaluru will turn into a hub for Carnatic music concerts in the coming weeks, with the 87th Ramanavami. The Festival set to take place from April 6 to Organised by the Shri Rama Seva Mandali, the festival will feature an array of Hindustani and Carnatic classical musicians, including vocalists and instrumentalists playing the veena, flute, and mridangam. also mark the presentation of the newly instituted 'SM Krishna Memorial National Music Award' to classical vocalist Sandeep Narayan, who will perform alongside HN Bhaskar, KV Prasad, and G Guruprasanna. **-Sridhar Vivan**

Nearly 40% of bus tickets via UPI

Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation has reached a significant milestone in its digital transformation journey, with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions now accounting for 39.80% of its total ticket fare revenue as of March 2025.

A BMTC official said, "BMTC has actively promoted UPI payments to enhance passenger convenience and streamline operations. This initiative has led to a steady increase in digital transactions, reinforcing the corporation's commitment to modernising public transport.

Too old, time to rebuild KR Puram overbridge?

Structure not strong enough, worry commuters, overhead wires hanging too close for comfort add to safety concerns

Wires run dangerously close under KR Puram foot overbridge

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The foot overbridge at KR Puram Railway Station is intended to provide passengers with a safe and convenient passage to enter and exit the station. However, railway passengers and local residents have raised concerns over its condition.

They stated that the foot overbridge was built many years ago and needs to be replaced with a better structure. "The foot overbridge is in poor condition. It is old and requires replacement. Additionally, there is hardly any space between the bridge and the overhead electric wires. A major disaster could occur if the wires come into contact with the bridge," said N Nagesh, president of the KR Puram Auto Drivers' Association.

He said the foot overbridge was originally constructed for railway passengers, but it is now also being used by BMTC commuters and Namma Metro passengers. "There is a huge crowd whenever a train arrives. In my opinion, the bridge cannot withstand the weight of the crowd during peak hours," he said.

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Describing the condition of the foot overbridge as dangerous and in urgent need of attention, Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation urged both the railways and BBMP to collaborate on constructing a new bridge for the public. "This will enhance safety and improve last-mile connectivity across public transport systems like railways, metro, and buses for commuters," he said.

Emphasising the need to replace the existing foot overbridge, railway passenger Ramesh K pointed out that while railway authorities have undertaken station development projects across Bengaluru, they have neglected improvements at this station. "The foot overbridge is not only old but also too narrow. Replacing it would be a great relief for passengers," he said.

Meanwhile, a South Western Railway official stated that KR Puram Railway Station will be developed under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. "As part of the development, the existing foot overbridge will be replaced," the official said.

Treated water to the rescue of city's green cover

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With soaring summer temperatures and depleting groundwater levels, Bengaluru's parks and roadside plants are facing an acute water shortage. To combat this, the BBMP has decided to supply treated water via tankers to sustain the city's green cover. Major parks like Lalbagh and Cubbon Park, which rely on borewells, are struggling as nearly 20 borewells have dried up. In response, BBMP's horticulture department has deployed 300 private tankers to supply water. Cubbon Park, spanning 197 acres, has some water storage through borewells and underground reservoirs, but many smaller parks lack such facilities. Of the 1,200 parks under BBMP's jurisdiction, around 800 have borewells, while nearly 80–90 parks and roadside plants will receive treated water every two days. Each tanker, carrying 6,000 litres of treated water, costs approximately 1,200, including labour and rental charges. Meanwhile, Lalbagh, covering 240 acres with thousands of trees, remains relatively stable with its lake and five operational borewells ensuring adequate water supply.

Tankers supply water from BWSSB tertiary treatment plant for non-potable use

A BBMP official stated, "We produce 15.5 lakh litres of treated water daily, ensuring no immediate scarcity. BBMP's rainwater percolation initiative has resulted in 634 recharge pits across 178 parks, with a total absorption capacity of 8.12 crore litres annually. Additionally, parks with borewells receive sprinkler irrigation every 7-10 days, while others are watered twice a week. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) supplies treated water from sewage treatment plants (STPs) via tankers, a system expected to continue until the monsoon arrives in May."

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Open danger
Ramamurty Nagar

Near the entrance of a Church in Ramamurthy Nagar (Bengaluru-16), an open drain has remained unrepaired for over a year. Is BBMP waiting for a disaster on this busy road?

Unsafe roads
HBR Layout

HBR Layout has severely damaged roads despite 35 years of BBMP tax collection. With no action from the MLA or authorities, frequent accidents continue. Residents demand urgent repairs.

Illegal parking
Rajarajeshwari Nagar

The "No Parking" board at a shop on Double Road in Rajarajeshwari Nagar is being ignored. Tourist buses frequently use the spot as a pickup point, often parking for over 30 minutes, causing persistent traffic congestion in the area.

Realty nightmare: Delays, defaults, and distress

Home-buyers seek CBI probe into what they call real estate fraud as 2,678 projects remain incomplete, with builder non-compliance under scrutiny

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The Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA) aims to ensure accountability towards allottees, protect their interests, infuse transparency, ensure fair play, and protect homebuyers' interests. If the lapse in the completion dates of housing projects is anything to go by, it seems that RERA-K has lost its importance.

According to the K-RERA website, a whopping number of housing projects' completion dates have expired. The K-RERA website stated that 2,678 housing projects failed to complete as per the schedule. "The proposed project completion date for this project has expired; the buyers may take an informed decision accordingly," the caution notice on the K-RERA website read.

It may be recalled that some homebuyers wrote letters in August 2022 to K-RERA authorities informing them of withdrawing their complaints.

Bangalore Mirror published a story titled, 'Cynical about K-RERA, complainants try luck elsewhere' on August 21, 2022, narrating how several homebuyers, tired of waiting for grievance redressal, withdrew complaints with the regulatory authority, knocking on the consumer courts' door.

Recently, some homebuyers have withdrawn cases from K-RERA after a prolonged battle. Now, Sudhakar Lakshmanraja, Founder of Digital South Trust, wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi drawing his attention to the gross injustice and atrocities committed by real estate developers in Karnataka, particularly concerning project delays and non-compliance with regulatory mandates.

> **K'taka govt, including Revenue Dept, Housing Dept, and Karnataka RERA has failed to take decisive action against these fradulent builders**
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> —Sudhakar L, Digital South Trust

"The Karnataka government, including the Revenue Department, Housing Department, and Karnataka RERA, has completely failed to take decisive action against these fraudulent builders, leaving thousands of homebuyers in distress," the letter read.

Lakshmanraja stated in the letter that more than 30,000 housing units remain incomplete across Karnataka, leaving innocent homebuyers in limbo.

"I strongly urge the Government of India to take immediate action before Karnataka's real estate sector collapses into an irreversible disaster. For 15 years, the state government has ignored the plight of homebuyers while fraudulent developers continue to mock the system without fear. Karnataka RERA's inaction has only worsened the crisis, leaving thousands of families in financial and emotional turmoil. It is time for both the Central and state governments to step in, enforce strict regulations, penalise defaulters, and implement real-time monitoring to restore trust in the housing sector," said Sudhakar Lakshmanaraja.

Expressing concern over the number of builders failing to complete the housing projects on time, Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, Convener of Karnataka Home Buyers Forum, said that banks, builders and bureaucrats have dashed the hopes of home buyers in Karnataka because of the extremely poor implementation of RERA in the State. "The Central Government must initiate a CBI inquiry into real estate frauds in Karnataka. There are builders in Karnataka who are not honouring the Supreme Court order on giving possession to homebuyers. The builders have the audacity to terminate the agreement without homebuyers' consent. The authorities have to monitor such builders," said Padmanabhachar.

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Ranya Rao moves HC after 3 denials

Ranya Rao filed a bail petition in the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday after three lower courts rejected her plea in the gold smuggling case. Her legal representative, BS Girish, submitted the petition following multiple rejections at subordinate courts. The 64th City Civil and Sessions Court in Bengaluru denied her bail on March 27, following the Special Court for Economic Offences' rejection on March 14. Previously, the Magistrate Court had also refused bail, considering the gravity of the allegations. The DRI (Directorate of Revenue Intelligence) has commenced proceedings under Section 108 to examine potential financial discrepancies and legal violations. The Karnataka High Court is scheduled to consider Ranya Rao's bail application in the coming week.

At a previous court session, the DRI disclosed that Ranya Rao had admitted to acquiring gold unlawfully through hawala transactions. She was apprehended on March 3 at Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru whilst carrying 14.8 kilograms of gold, worth over Rs 12 crore. Reports indicate she received directives via telephone to collect the gold at Dubai Airport for delivery to an unnamed recipient in Bengaluru.

Official records showed Rao's frequent international travel, with 52 visits to Dubai between 2023 and March 2025, indicating a possible larger smuggling operation.

Court stays FIR against Yatnal

The Karnataka High Court has temporarily halted proceedings in a criminal case against MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal regarding alleged vulgar comments about Kannada actress Ranya Rao.

The former BJP member, who was dismissed for anti-party activities, has petitioned the High Court to nullify the FIR filed against him. Justice Pradeep Singh Yerur conducted initial hearings and requested the State's response, scheduling the next hearing in two weeks. The Court confirmed that criminal proceedings against Patil would remain suspended during this period.

> **DRI initiates Section 108 proceedings to investigate financial discrepancies**

The matter stems from Ranya Rao's arrest. Patil allegedly made offensive remarks about Rao regarding the smuggling case. His reported statement to the media was: "There were lapses by customs officials, and necessary action should be taken against them. She (Ranya Rao) had gold all over her body, hiding it wherever she had holes, and smuggled it in." —BMB

324 arrests: B'luru's wheeling war

Bengaluru Traffic Police have launched an extensive crackdown, registering 398 cases and arresting 324 individuals involved in wheeling over the past month.

The crackdown gained momentum after a viral video surfaced, showing a group of stunt bikers holding long ropes while performing dangerous maneuvers on city roads. Prompted by the alarming visuals. Bengaluru Traffic Police intensified their operations, including penalising the parents of minors caught engaging in the act.

During the special drive conducted from March 1 to March 31, the Bengaluru Traffic Police registered a total of 398 cases against wheeling offenders. As part of the enforcement, 397 vehicles were seized, and 324 individuals were arrested. Among them, 82 minors were booked for violating traffic laws, while legal action was taken against 68 guardians for allowing underage riding. Additionally, 40 driving licenses were sent for suspension, and 197 vehicle registration certificates (RCs) were forwarded for cancellation. Furthermore, 32 cases were registered under the Juvenile Justice Act to curb repeat offenses. —BMB

Restricted roads for IPL matches

The Bengaluru Traffic Police have announced traffic and parking restrictions for IPL matches scheduled at M Chinnaswamy Stadium on April 2, 10, 18, 24, May 3, 13, and 17. The restrictions will be enforced from 3:00 pm to midnight on match days to ensure smooth vehicular movement.

No parking zones

Motorists are advised that parking will be strictly prohibited on key roads, including Queens Road, MG Road, Cubbon Road, Raj Bhavan Road, Central Street, St. Marks Road, Museum Road, Kasturba Road, Ambedkar Veedi, Trinity Circle, Lavelle Road, Vittal Mallya Road, Kings Road, and Nrupathunga Road.

Designated parking areas

Spectators can park at St Joseph's Indian School Ground, UB City Parking Lot, BMTC TTMC Shivajinagar (1st Floor), Old KGID Building, Kings Way inside Cubbon Park, and St Joseph's Boys High School basement.

Cab/auto pick-up & drop points

Passengers can board and alight at Cubbon Road (between BRV Junction and CTO Circle). —BMB

K'taka lost 86,000 hectares of its forests to encroachment

43% vacancy in forest dept has left authority unable to prevent encroachments

Total forest loss in the state amounts to 1.94% as of March 2024

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"Nearly 33,000 hectares of Karnataka's reserve forests are encroached, totalling 86,308.44 hectares of forest area lost by March 2024. Staff shortages and slow case disposal hinder eviction efforts

–Karnataka Forest Department report

The Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) has submitted a report to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), revealing that nearly 33,000 hectares of its reserve forests—areas with the highest level of security and protection—are under encroachment.

According to the report, as of March 2024, a total of 86,308.44 hectares of forest land in Karnataka has been encroached upon. Of this, a little over 32,000 hectares are reserve forests, 48,394 hectares are protected forests, and 5,379 hectares fall within sanctuaries and protected areas. The total forest loss in the state amounts to 1.94%.

Under the Indian Forest Act of 1927, reserve forests are declared by state governments to ensure conservation and protect biodiversity. While activities such as the collection of non-timber forest produce and grazing are permitted, they require approval from a forest settlement officer.

"The frontline forest staff must protect their beats and divisions from encroachment. However, the department has been facing a staff shortage for many years. Moreover, no disciplinary action is taken against forest officers even in cases of fresh encroachments, as mandated by the Forest (Conservation) Act," said a wildlife conservationist.

Official data indicate that nearly 43% of sanctioned positions in the KFD remain unfilled. The department has 14,803 sanctioned posts, but 6,303 of them are vacant. In the previous financial year (2023-24), 7,119 out of 14,843 posts were unoccupied. During 2022-23, of the 14,845 sanctioned posts, 6,410 remained vacant (43%). In 2021-22, out of 14,988 total posts, only 8,893 were filled, leaving 6,095 vacant (41%).

The shortage is even more severe among forest guards and watchers. Of the 7,386 sanctioned posts for these positions, 3,935—more than half (53%)—are vacant.

Another challenge cited in the report is the slow progress in resolving encroachment cases. District-level committees, which are meant to oversee encroachment cases at the circle level, are often dysfunctional.

"The department is required to set up committees at the circle level to address forest encroachment cases. These committees, led by the Conservator of Forests (CF), are supposed to meet every quarter to strategize eviction measures and submit progress reports to the government. However, these meetings rarely take place. Despite these inefficiencies, officials continue to serve in the department and even receive promotions," said an activist.

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K'taka forest cover dwindles as over 100 hectares cleared
Over 33,000 hectares of forest lost to projects; experts warn of ecological crisis

BM had reported about diversion of forest land by govt, on March 29

MSIL to oversee chit fund drive

The state government is launching a new initiative to encourage safe investments and savings among rural women, particularly dairy producers. Spearheaded by Mysore Sales International Limited (MSIL) under the 'Safe Investment - Immediate Relief' initiative, the program aims to boost rural economic activities.

Inspired by Kerala's successful chit fund model, which handles transactions worth ₹40,000-₹50,000 crore annually, the government plans to implement large-scale chit fund operations across Karnataka. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is expected to launch the scheme in mid-April, targeting ₹10,000 crore in annual transactions. **–BMB**

Honey-trap: Some 'facts are hidden'

Karnataka Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna, referring to the alleged attempts by political rivals to honey-trap him, on Tuesday said that certain facts of the matter could not be disclosed and that the decision to conduct a probe in this regard rests with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Home Minister G Parameshwara.

Rajanna had earlier stated on the floor of the Assembly that an attempt was made to honey-trap him in order to end his political career. His statement has sparked a major controversy in the state.

He had submitted a petition regarding the matter to Home Minister Parameshwara, and the case is currently being investigated by the CID. Rajanna told reporters, "Let the investigation into the honey-trap case proceed in whatever manner the government deems fit. If they want to issue me a notice, let them do so." **–IANS**

Sale off, space in UB City to be reauctioned

The Karnataka High Court has voided the sale of a commercial space in UB City, Bengaluru, which was sold by United Breweries (Holdings) Ltd. in May 2012 during ongoing liquidation proceedings. The property, located on Level III of the CANBERRA Block of UB City, including open space, was determined to have been sold at an undervalued price to Bengaluru-based M/s Brunton Developers. Notably, a partner in the purchasing firm was the father of the then MD of UB Global, a UBHL division.

The court has directed the sub-registrar to nullify the sale deed registered on May 21, 2012, and ordered the Official Liquidator to take possession of the property, numbered 202 (now 222), and conduct an auction with court approval. Justice Suraj Govindaraj, who delivered the ruling, rejected Brunton Developers' petition after the Official Liquidator denied a no-objection certificate for Khata transfer in 2023, citing that the sale occurred after UBHL's liquidation proceedings began in March 2012.

The court found the Rs 3 crore sale price significantly undervalued, as the Official Liquidator provided evidence showing similar properties in the CANBERRA Block sold between Rs 12,000 to Rs 14,520 per sq. ft. The court also noted Brunton's possession of additional space beyond what was specified in the sale deed.

No relief for commuters: HC dismisses petition challenging 71% metro fare hike

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The Karnataka High Court on April 1 rejected a public interest litigation (PIL) challenging the recent fare hike in Bengaluru's Namma Metro. A division bench comprising Chief Justice N V Anjaria and Justice K V Aravind dismissed the petition filed by Sanath Kumar Shetty, an automobile engineer working in the private sector.

The court ruled that the fare revision was carried out under Section 33 of the Metro Railways (Operation and Maintenance) Act, which empowers the metro administration to determine fares from time to time through a fare fixation committee.

"Fare fixation by railway administration for operating metro rail is a statutory exercise, the fare fixation committee is entrusted with the task

–Karnataka High Court

"The fare fixation by the railway administration for metro operations is a statutory exercise. It is an expert-driven process entrusted to the fare fixation committee. Courts do not interfere in such matters unless there is a statutory violation," the bench observed.

The petitioner's counsel argued that the 71 percent increase in fares violated the principles of promissory estoppel and legitimate expectation. They also contended that Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) had implemented a stage-wise pricing system instead of a station-wise fare structure, causing an unfair burden on commuters.

The petition sought a reassessment of fares through a court-appointed committee that would include public representatives. It also urged the court to direct BMRCL to cap the fare increase at 25 percent of the rates that were in place before February 8, 2025, as per an earlier announcement by BMRCL in October 2024.

However, the court dismissed the claims, stating that there was no assurance at any stage that fares would not be increased. It ruled that the concept of legitimate expectation could not be applied in an abstract manner based on financial and logistical considerations.

IISc researchers create way to repair bricks for use on moon

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) have developed a bacteria-based technique to repair bricks that can be used to build lunar habitats, if they get damaged in the moon's harsh environment.

Researchers say future lunar expeditions are no longer planned as just flyby missions. NASA's Artemis programme, for example, seeks to set up a permanent habitat on the moon. To cut costs, instead of carrying material from Earth, astronauts would need to use the abundantly available lunar soil or "regolith" – a complex mixture of broken minerals and rocks – to build structures on site.

A few years ago, researchers at the Department of Mechanical Engineering (ME), IISc, developed a technique that uses a soil bacterium called Sporosarcina pasteurii to build bricks out of lunar and Martian soil simulants. The bacterium converts urea and calcium into calcium carbonate crystals that, along with guar gum, glue the soil particles together to create brick-like materials. This process is an eco-friendly and low-cost alternative to using cement.

Subsequently, the team also explored sintering – heating a compacted mixture of soil simulant and a polymer called polyvinyl alcohol to very high temperatures – to create much stronger bricks.

But the lunar surface is extremely harsh – temperatures can swing from 121°C to -133°C in a single day, and it is constantly bombarded by solar winds and meteorites. This can cause cracks in these bricks, weakening structures built using them.

"Temperature changes can be much more dramatic on the lunar surface, which can, over time, have a significant effect. Sintered bricks are brittle. If you have a crack and it grows, the entire structure can quickly fall apart," explained co-author Koushik Viswanathan, Associate Professor at ME.

> **Temperature changes can be more dramatic on the lunar surface, which can, over time, have a big effect**

To solve this problem, the team once again turned to bacteria. They created different types of artificial defects in sintered bricks and poured slurry made from S. pasteurii, guar gum, and lunar soil simulant into them. Over a few days, the slurry penetrated the defects, and the bacterium produced calcium carbonate, which filled them up. The bacterium also produced biopolymers that acted as adhesives that strongly bound the soil particles together with the residual brick structure, recovering much of the brick's strength. This process can stave off the need to replace damaged bricks with new ones, extending the lifespan of structures. **—BMB**

April 1 price shock

Daily life in Bengaluru gets more expensive

This is no April Fool's Day prank—Bengalureans woke up to a reality where everything from milk and electricity to transportation and even entertainment has become costlier.

Milk & dairy prices

As of Tuesday, Nandini milk has become more expensive, with prices rising by Rs 4 per liter. Toned milk (blue pack) now costs Rs 46 per liter, while homogenised toned milk is priced at Rs 47. Cow milk has reached Rs 50 per liter, and the premium Shubham (orange pack) milk now costs Rs 52. Curd prices have also gone up, with a one-liter pack now costing Rs 54 instead of Rs 50.

Electricity bills

Households across Karnataka will pay an additional 26 paise per unit for electricity from Tuesday. The fixed charge for domestic consumers has also increased by Rs 25 per kW.

Toll charges on 66 highways

For those commuting between cities, the cost of travel has risen, with toll fees increasing by up to 5% on 66 major highways. Key roads like the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway, Bengaluru-Tirupati Road, and Bengaluru Airport Road are now charging higher tolls.

Prices of Nandini milk have risen by Rs 4 per litre

Taxes on electric cabs

From Tuesday, electric taxis and commercial vehicles have also become more expensive. Electric cabs costing above Rs 25 lakh now attract a 10% tax, adding Rs 2.5 lakh to the overall price, while those below Rs 10 lakh are taxed at 5%. Construction vehicles also face a lifetime tax of 8%, up from 6.

New waste user cess

Bengaluru residents now have to pay a new waste user cess, further increasing monthly expenses.

Planetarium fee up

From April 1, the entry fee for Bengaluru's Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium's Sky Theatre has increased by 25%, with adult tickets rising from Rs 75 to Rs 100 and revised rates for children, students, and group bookings. This is the first price hike in five years, justified by increased operational and maintenance costs, according to Planetarium Director Dr. BR Guruprasad. **—Sridhar Vivan**

Ghibli effect on ChatGPT

150 million: Average weekly active users breached this mark for the first time this year, according to data from market research firm Similarweb

1 million: "We added one million users in the last hour," OpenAI CEO Sam Altman said in an X post on Monday, comparing it with the addition of one million users in five days following ChatGPT's red-hot launch more than two years ago

Global app downloads on the ChatGPT app grew **11%**

Weekly active users by **5%** from the prior week

In-app purchase revenue increased 6%

Legal impact

The extensive usage of the AI tool for the Ghibli effect has also led to questions about potential copyright violations.

"The legal landscape of AI-generated images mimicking Studio Ghibli's distinctive style is an uncertain terrain. Copyright law has generally protected only specific expressions rather than artistic styles themselves," said Evan Brown, partner at law firm Neal & McDevitt.

—Source: Reuters.

AROUNDTHEWORLD

Netflix show in schools

The makers of hit Netflix show "Adolescence" have sparked a conversation in Britain and beyond on how to protect children from violent misogyny and other harmful content on social media. Now they have the ear of British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, who welcomed the filmmakers to Downing Street on Monday for talks on child protection.

Starmer's office said he backed an initiative by Netflix to stream the drama series for free to secondary schools across the country, so that as many teens as possible can watch it.

The show, filmed in England, explores the difficult questions that arise when a 13-year-old boy is accused of the fatal stabbing of a girl in his school — and how much social media interactions that are largely impenetrable to parents and teachers may have played a part.

Netflix says since the drama launched in March it has amassed 66.3 million views worldwide and has become one of the most talked-about U K series in recent memory. **AP**

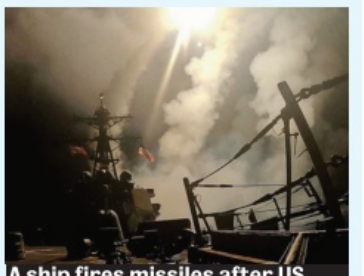
US airstrikes continue in Yemen

The Houthi group reported on Tuesday that US forces have carried out 22 airstrikes on its targets in Yemen's northern Sanaa and Saada provinces over the past several hours.

According to a brief statement broadcast by the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV, five airstrikes at dawn targeted the Jarban area in the Sanhan district southeast of Sanaa, while two others hit the Bani Matar district west of the capital.

The statement further indicated that Saada, a stronghold of the group, was subjected to 15 US airstrikes overnight, but did not disclose specific locations targeted.

The attacks came one day after US airstrikes killed two people and injured a child in Bani Qa'is in Yemen's northwestern province of Hajjah on Monday, according to residents and local health authorities, Xinhua news agency reported.



A ship fires missiles after US President Donald Trump launched military strikes against Yemen's Houthis

The US military has resumed airstrikes on Houthi-held areas in northern Yemen since March 15 in a bid to deter the group from attacking Israeli targets, the US Navy, and international shipping lanes in the region. **IANS**

China conducts drills around Taiwan

The Chinese military announced large-scale drills in the waters and airspace around Taiwan on Tuesday that include an aircraft carrier battle group, as it again warned the self-ruled island democracy against seeking formal independence.

The joint exercises involve navy, air ground and rocket forces and are meant to be a "severe warning and forceful containment against Taiwan independence," according to Shi Yi, a spokesperson for the People's Liberation Army's Eastern Theater Command. No operational name for the drills was announced nor previous notice given.

China considers Taiwan a part of its territory, to be brought under its control by force if necessary, while most Taiwanese favor their de-facto independence and democratic status. Any conflict could bring in the U.S., which maintains a series of alliances in the region and is legally bound to treat threats to Taiwan as a matter of "grave concern." **AP**

Teacher arrested for extorting money from student's father in Bengaluru

A pre-school teacher was arrested in the city on charges of extorting money and blackmailing a student's father with whom she had been in an affair, Bengaluru Police said.

City Crime Branch (CCB), Bengaluru arrested Sridevi Rudagi (25) and two others, Ganesh Kale and Sagar, for allegedly extorting Rs 4 lakh from the victim and also blackmailing him, with photos and videos for a Rs 20 lakh more.

As per the police, the victim is a trader living in a western Bengaluru neighbourhood with his wife and three daughters, had enrolled his youngest kid (five) in the school in 2023.

The teacher and the victim met and established contact, both of them used separate sim cards and used to communicate through video calls and messages. Rudagi then extorted Rs 4 lakh from the father of the student.

She also demanded more than 15 lakh in the beginning of 2025. When he hesitated, she visited his home on the pretext of borrowing Rs 50,000. Later, as the victim's business suffered setbacks, he made a difficult decision to relocate his family to Gujarat. And he needed the child's Transfer Certificate.

Upon the father's complaint reaching the school, he found himself cornered in Rudagi's office, with Kale and Sagar. The latter showed the father the private photographs and videos and then demanded Rs 20 lakh or these would be revealed.

The father said that he tried to reason with them and negotiated a payment of Rs 15 lakh, with an initial transfer of Rs 1.9 lakh. But the demands continued.

On March 17, Rudagi called him on the phone to remind him of the payment - Rs 5 lakh for a former police officer, and Rs 1 lakh each for Sagar and Kale, and the remaining Rs 8 lakh for her.

As he was unable to bear the torture, he called the police, who quickly established that the police officer had no connection. Rudagi, Sagar, and Kale were arrested and sent to judicial custody for 14 days. **(ANI)**

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Most cases booked under contactless enforcement

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digital enforcement to streamline compliance and enhance efficiency in managing traffic violations.

However, city-based anti-noise pollution activists say there is no apparent change in noise pollution levels from vehicles.

"There is no improvement in unnecessary honking and use of multitonal and shrill horns, at least in my area of work and residence.

As per my understanding, the majority of the cases against noise pollution are being booked in and around the centre of the city. However, noise pollution from vehicles is a cause of concern mostly in the outer zones," said Raja Kannan, a resident of Begur Kopa Road in Hulimavu and an anti-noise pollution crusader.

Experts say staff shortage at some stations with vast jurisdiction is yet another reason leading to no apparent change in the situation on-ground.

The lack of implementation of rules is also making it a tough battle to fight, say anti-noise pollution crusaders.

The Indian Motor Vehicles Act (MVA) of 1988 bars alteration in motor vehicles with those originally specified by the manufacturer and prescribes that violators be punished.

Under the Act, a Rs 1,000 fine should be imposed for the first offense, followed by Rs 2,000 for subsequent offences. Experts also underline that the Act has provisions to impose higher penalties under alterations to motor vehicles, prohibiting changes that deviate from the original specifications in the registration certificate.

"The penalty for alterations starts at Rs 5,000. The traffic police can use this provision, which will be a better deterrent. Moreover, Bengaluru is still imposing Rs 500 for illegal horns, as against Rs 1,000 and higher amounts as per MVA," said an anti-noise pollution activist in the city.

Just the usual sizzle

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The tweet further stated that, based on current trends, experts suggest that Bengaluru and other parts of Southern India, Karnataka (SIK), are likely to experience a summer that is either normal or slightly better than usual in terms of heat levels. This offers a welcome relief to residents after last year's scorching heat.

Cyclonic circulation

Outlining the synoptic features affecting the state, Dr N Puviarasan, an IMD (India Meteorological Department) scientist, said, "A cyclonic circulation is currently positioned over central Maharashtra and its surrounding areas, approximately 0.9 km above mean sea level.

In addition, a trough extends from south Chhattisgarh to this cyclonic circulation, passing through Vidarbha and Marathwada at the same altitude. Another north-south trough runs from the cyclonic circulation over Madhya Maharashtra to the Comorin area, crossing Karnataka and Tamil Nadu at 0.9 km above sea level.

Additionally, an upper-air cyclonic circulation over the southwest Bay of Bengal is located between 1.5 and 3.1 km above mean sea level, near the coast of North Tamil Nadu.

As a result of these atmospheric conditions, Bengaluru is expected to experience partly cloudy weather, with temperatures ranging from 32°C during the day to 21°C at night."

The forecast also indicates that moderate rain or thundershowers, accompanied by gusty winds of 50-60 kmph and hail, are expected in isolated areas of Belagavi, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Bagalkote, Gadag, and Haveri districts.

In other areas like Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, and Kodagu districts, moderate rain with gusty winds of 40-50 kmph and hail are anticipated. Many areas of Uttara Kannada, Udupi, and Dakshina Kannada will also experience moderate rain or thundershowers with winds of 40-50 kmph.

Light to moderate rain is expected in several other districts, including Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru, and Chamarajanagar.

HEALTH TIP: Make use of the public transport system whenever and wherever you can

While driving in the city, keep the windows rolled-up but re-circulate the air to keep pollution at bay

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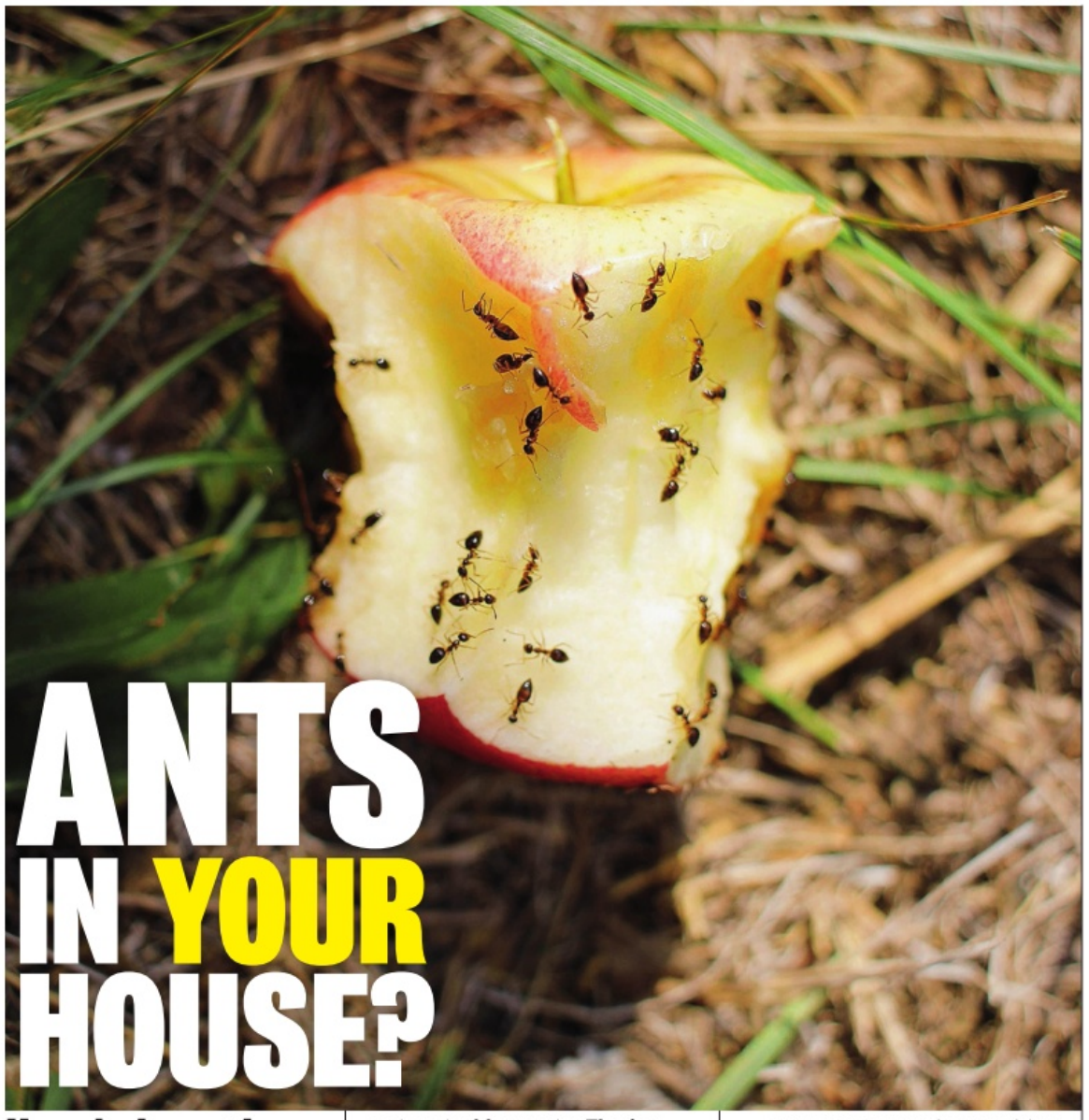

ANTS IN YOUR HOUSE?

Here's how they get everywhere – even high up in tall buildings

Ants are among nature's greatest success stories, with an estimated 22,000 species worldwide.

Tropical Australia in particular is a global hotspot for ant diversity. Some researchers believe it could hold some of the richest ant biodiversity on the planet, with an estimated 5,000 species in the tropics alone.

But if ants are so successful out in nature, why do they so often turn up in our homes and even upper-level apartments?

And what can we do to keep them out?

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In fact, for every human being, there are roughly 2.5 million ants.

So the short answer to "Why are there ants in my house?" is simply this: there are a lot of ants.

We live on a planet where ants outnumber us by an almost unimaginable margin. The fact that a few occasionally wander into our homes shouldn't come as a surprise.

Ants work from home (yours, that is)

Ants owe much of their success to their highly social nature.

Within the colony, some individuals (female queens and male drones) are responsible for reproduction, while others (workers) are busy caring for the young, cleaning or foraging for food. Workers ants are always female.

Ant colonies do not have leaders. They are an excellent example of collective behaviour and swarm intelligence, where individuals following relatively simple rules can collectively achieve far more than any individual could alone.

Just as the individual neurons in your brain can't compose music, play football, or read articles, the brain as a whole can achieve all these feats and more.

- Colonies of co-operating ants are capable of amazingly sophisticated behaviours such as:
- building efficient trail networks
- building living bridges with their bodies, and
- "farming" fungi and aphids (small, sap-sucking insects that feed on plants).
- Ants even outperform humans on some cooperative cognition tasks.

The highly social nature of ants is a big part of their success — and a key reason why they are so good at finding their way into our homes.

Each colony contains thousands of intrepid workers, many of which are constantly searching for new food sources. If even a single ant discovers a valuable resource in your home, it can quickly share that information with its nest mates.

Different ant species use different methods of communication, but the ones that most often invade our homes tend to use "pheromone trails".

When an ant finds a food source, she returns to her nest leaving little drops of pheromones as she goes; this trail guides other ants from their nest directly to the food source.

This highly efficient communication system means a single ant can rapidly recruit thousands of its nest mates to any food it finds.

Ants may also come inside in search of water, particularly when the weather is hot.

Some species prefer to build their nests in humid environments, which might explain why they are often found in bathrooms.

I once discovered an entire colony of sugar ants nesting inside my aquarium filter! The combination of high humidity and an enclosed structure made it an ideal place to build a nest.

On the flip side, heavy rains can flood ant nests, prompting colonies to seek drier ground — sometimes leading them straight into our homes.

I live in an upper-floor apartment. How did ants get in?

Many ant species are exceptional climbers, thanks to tiny adhesive pads and fine hairs on their feet.

These specialised structures allow ants to stick to walls and find footholds even on surfaces that appear smooth to the human eye.

Remarkably, some canopy-dwelling ants have evolved a behaviour known as "controlled descent" which protects them when they fall. By adjusting the position of their abdomens, falling ants can steer their trajectory, directing themselves back toward the tree trunk and safety.

How do I keep ants out of my house?

Well, good luck. No matter what you do, ants will probably enter your house at one time or another.

Finding a few ants in your home doesn't mean your house is dirty. We simply live on a planet that is absolutely teeming with ants.

To minimise unwanted ant visits, start by eliminating any potential food sources that could feed a hungry ant.

Store all food in sealed airtight containers, clean behind the fridge and inside/under the toaster, avoid leaving pet food out longer than needed and make sure your bins are securely sealed.

Ants have tiny stomachs, so even small crumbs or the residue from spilled sugary drinks can be enough to entice them back.

If ants seem to be following each other in a line, try disrupting their chemical trail using vinegar or bleach. Be warned, however: ants are very good at repairing broken trail networks.

Seal any small cracks or entrance points that might allow ants to get into your home and make sure your windows and doors have well-fitting fly screens.

Insecticidal baits can kill ant colonies, but before you deploy the nuclear option, ask yourself: what harm are the ants really doing?

Most common home-invading ants do not sting and are pretty harmless. They can usually be redirected simply by removing their food source.

Ants are nature's clean-up crew, tirelessly scavenging waste and helping to maintain a healthy, balanced ecosystem.

They also play important roles as predators and seed dispersers.

Before reaching for insecticides, consider whether a few ants in your house are truly a problem.

(By Tanya Latty, University of Sydney, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Oils for hair health

Olive Oil

Olive oil is a nourishing hair oil that makes the hair softer. Antioxidants, vitamin E, and oleic acid in it makes it even more beneficial. It deeply nourishes and moisturises the root and makes the hair softer and prevents hair thinning.

How To Apply: Apply the oil on areas of your hair or scalp that are dry. Let the oil sit on the hair for about 15 minutes with a shower cap on. Use warm water to wash the oil out of the hair.

Coconut Oil

One of the best carrier oils for the hair, coconut oil has multiple benefits for the hair. This oil helps in nourishing the hair and the scalp and boosts blood circulation, which in turn helps in having thick and healthy hair. Coconut oil acts as a great repair treatment for dry and damaged hair.

How To Apply: Massage the coconut oil into your scalp with your fingers. Leave in for 30 minutes to a few hours before rinsing. You can leave it on overnight if your hair is dry.

Almond Oil

Almond oil is great for dry and frizzy hair. It makes the hair softer and smoother. The presence of vitamin E in almond oil helps in hair growth. Also, its moisturising properties help to prevent split ends and repairs the hair. It can be used as a protector for hair when you want to style your hair. It can also help in case of dry and flaky scalp.

How To Apply: To add shine to your hair, rub a small amount of almond oil between your palms and apply it to your hair.

(Dr. Alekya Singapore for Femina)

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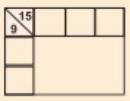
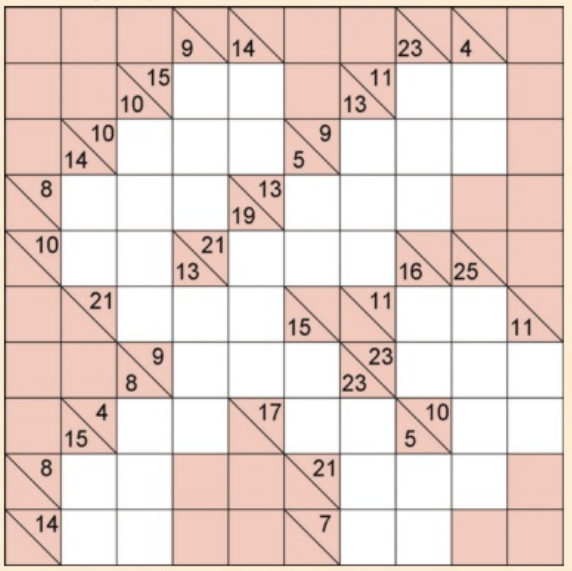
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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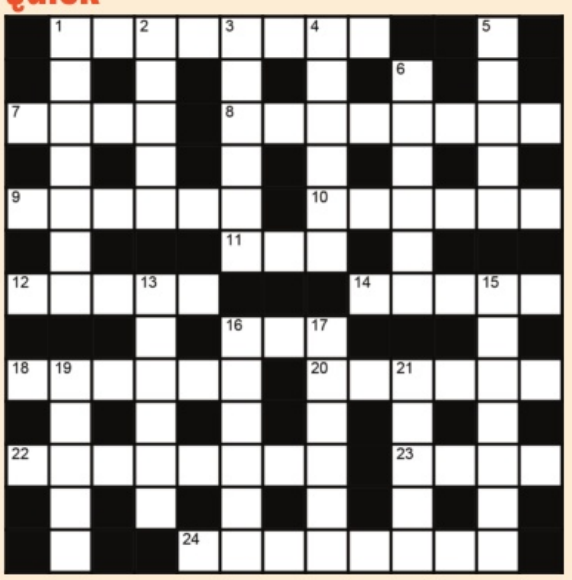


ACROSS

1 Adverse reaction; recoil (8)
7 Obscure by smearing (4)
8 Amusement park on the Bangalore–Mysore highway (8)
9 Origins or creations (6)
10 Painter or sculptor? (6)
11 Use to the limit (3)
12 Pain or distress (5)
14 Baker's need (5)
16 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
18 Tyrant (6)
20 One of the Inuit people (6)
22 Cheapest shipboard accommodation (8)
23 Reign (4)
24 Jewish festival (8)

DOWN

1 Giving false notion of? (7)
2 Gold measure (5)
3 Most base (6)
4 Grammatical structure (6)
5 Experienced sailors (5)
6 Couch, lounge (6)
13 Pinched or bit (6)
15 Alike (7)
16 Island home of Odysseus (6)
17 Measuring devices (6)
19 Item in a log (5)
21 Russian ballet company (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: E EQUALS U

RD ZDP RD PD DPGHIU AGXP XZVHIU JDE KB RDZH PD JDE MJ DPGHIU.

Linemaro

Roses are red, violets are blue, what will it take to Snapchat you

Mindchow

Sometimes people don't want to hear the truth because they don't want their illusions destroyed

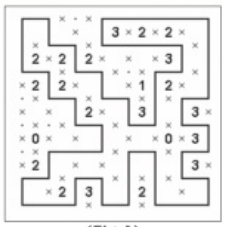
Joke of the day

Prince and Udurawana are dining. Prince says, "Pass the wine, you divine". Udurawana thinks, "how poetic" and says, "pass the custard, you idiot".

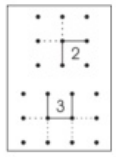
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

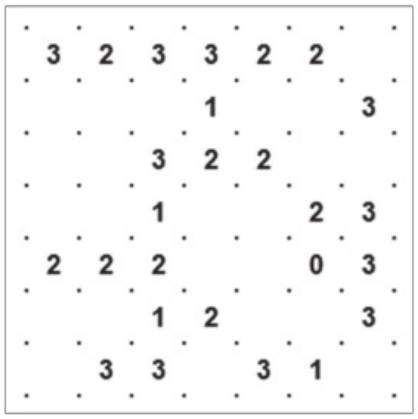


(Fig B) Not Allowed

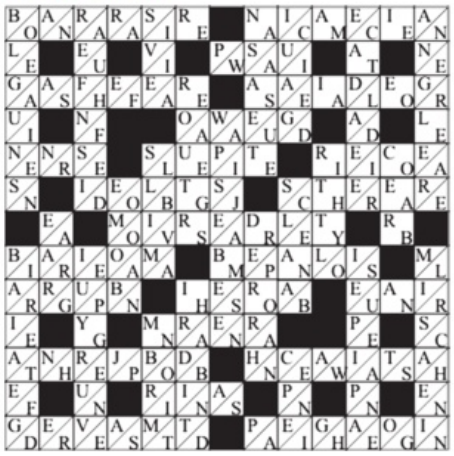
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



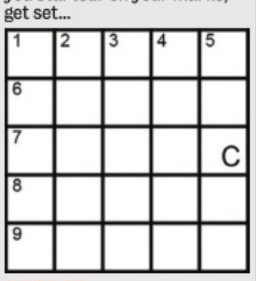
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

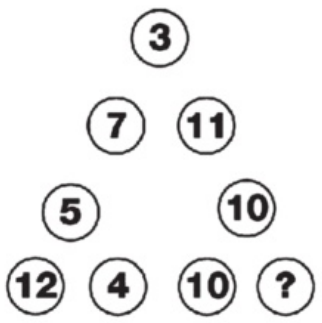
1 Map as; 6 Macho; 7 Tacit; 8 Skirt; 9 HK Nos

DOWN

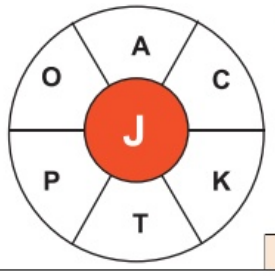
1 Shams; 2 Opt to; 3 Antic; 4 Krish; 5 Smack

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

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		7	6		4	5		
	4						1	
8	1			6			5	3
			2		7			
9	7			3			8	2
	9						2	
		3	8		2	1		
4			9		6			5

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 15

3 4 5 9

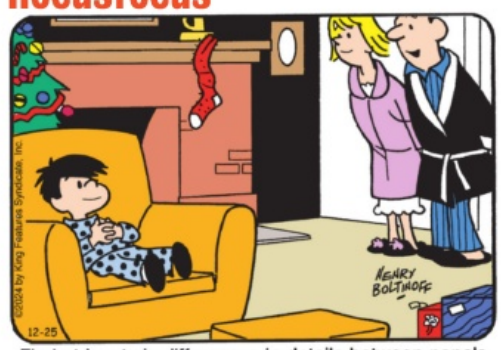
Medium = 19

3 3 8 8

Hard = 14

1 3 5 6

Hocusfocus



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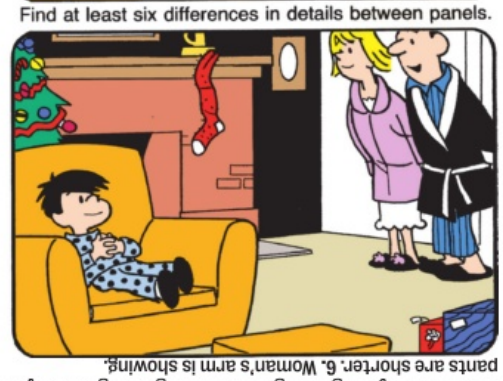
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



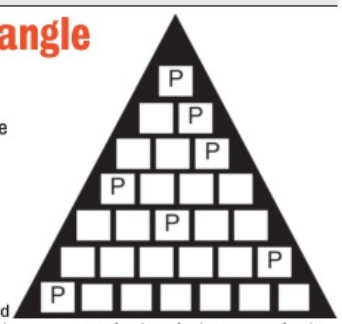
Differences: 1. Robe is shorter. 2. Fireplace opening is smaller. 3. Boy's leg is longer. 4. Stocking is longer. 5. Pajama pants are shorter. 6. Woman's arm is showing.

Riddler

What is the longest unscientific English word that uses every letter in the word exactly twice? For example, noon has two Ns and two Os, but it's not nearly long enough.

Alpha triangle

1 16th letter
2 _ for grabs
3 Male sheep
4 Propel with a pole
5 Computer data
6 Root vegetable
7 Prude



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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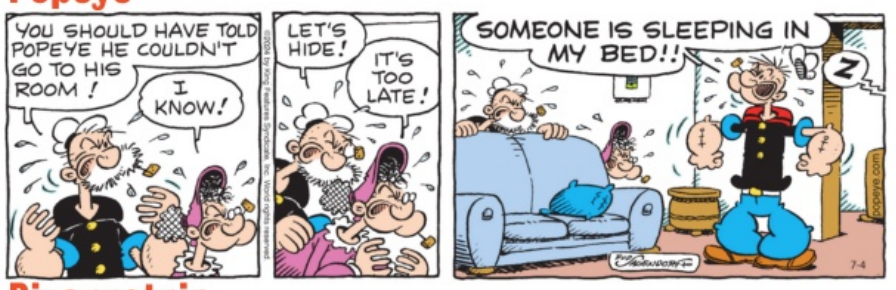
Popeye



Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

A TREE ORNAMENT WALKS INTO A BAR:
MERRY CHRISTMAS
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU TOO, LIL
ANOTHER ONE IN THE BOOKS
BACK TO THE OL' ATTIC
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Hart of the city

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HEART!
COOL! A BINDER FOR ALL MY PLAYBILLS! THANKS, IAN!
GASP LOOK! THE GUY IS BACK AGAIN! HE'S GOING INTO THE APARTMENT!
SURPRISE!!
UNCLE RICK!!
OH... SO THE ROBBER WAS JUST AN UNCLE TRYING TO SURPRISE HIS NIECE... THERE WAS NO CRIME.
IT'S A CHRISTMAS MIRACLE.
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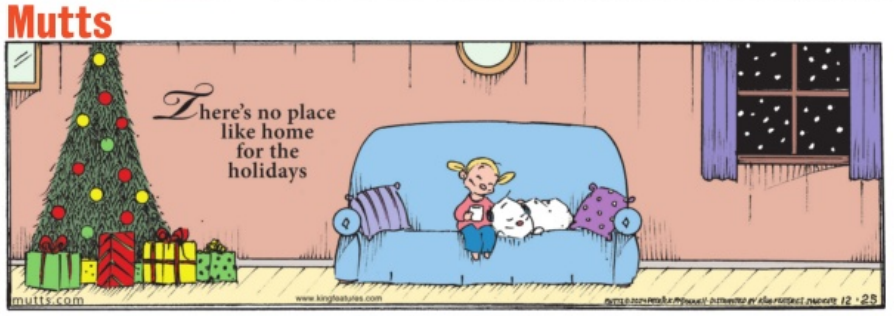
Crankshaft

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You will be busy at work today, and your professional network may expand. With this support, you are likely to secure a significant business deal. Innovation in partnerships may bring new opportunities. Investment inflows may boost your business growth. Emotional bonding with your spouse will strengthen.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Spending time with family and friends will bring you joy. New sources of income may improve your financial health, and you will control unnecessary expenses. Purchasing valuable items may enhance your social status.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Blessings from elders will help you regain patience and focus, allowing you to achieve your goals. You will perform well in business and personal life. A balance between expenses and savings will boost your financial stability.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Dissatisfaction may cloud your mind today, making you feel lazy and unmotivated. Delays in work or projects may occur. Lovebirds should avoid making major decisions regarding marriage, and job seekers may face disappointments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Your inner strength will bring happiness, and you may see short-term financial gains from investments. Strengthening relationships with your boss could lead to promotions. Your social prestige may rise, and work-related travel is likely.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
With the moon's blessings, your hard work may lead to a higher position. Your performance at work will improve, and you may meet an influential person who provides valuable guidance. You will manage domestic issues efficiently, enhancing harmony at home.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Happiness and positive energy surround you today. A visit to a religious place may provide inner strength, and you might donate to charity. Overseas travel for work or education is possible. Couples may find their perfect match, and singles may meet a potential soulmate.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may feel unhappy and unmotivated, which could affect your work efficiency. Delays in projects might impact your professional and personal reputation. Avoid risky activities such as adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds may experience a breakup, and job seekers could face setbacks.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Positive vibrations will surround you today, bringing stability. You may plan a new business partnership or consider long-distance travel. Trust and understanding with your spouse will strengthen your domestic life.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Your performance at work will be at its peak, leading to a strong bond with your boss and new responsibilities, possibly including a promotion. Chronic health issues may improve, and past disputes with siblings may be resolved. Job seekers may find new opportunities.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Your children's education may keep you occupied today, and you might plan for their higher studies. Couples may receive good news regarding children. You may also consider pursuing higher education for career growth. Singles may meet their soulmate. Those in education, consulting, or banking fields will excel.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may feel dissatisfied and struggle to fulfill responsibilities. Investments may lead to losses, so read all documents carefully before signing. Concerns about elders' health may trouble you. If you are considering home renovations, it is advisable to postpone them for now.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
5÷1/16/1/25÷4/5 =
5÷25/16 ÷ 4/5 =
80/25÷4/5 = 400/100 = 4

BULL'S EYE
Jack, JACKPOT, Jock

FAST FIVE

S	P	A	S	M
M	O	C	H	A
A	T	T	I	C
S	T	I	R	K
H	O	N	K	S

RIDDLER
Happenchance. There are two Hs, two As, and so on for all the letters in the word. The longest scientific word with the same property is prosbably esophagographers.

STRIKE OUT

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6	9	8	3	1	5	4	2	7
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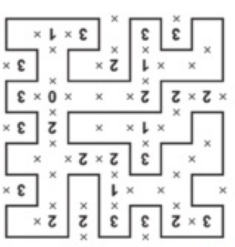
MENSA PUZZLE
1. Splitting the diagram into 3 smaller triangles, with 3 circles each, the sum of the numbers in each smaller triangle is always 21.

QUOTE UNCODE
Do not do to others what angers you if done to you by others.

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Up, Tup, Punt, Input, Turnip, Puritan.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 9 − 3 + 5 = 15
Hard
3 × 8 + 3 − 8 = 19
6 × 3 + 1 − 5 = 14

LOOP



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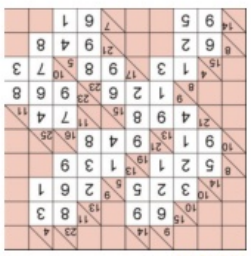

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 # Fab four
The Beatles biopics cast revealed: Paul Mescal, Barry Keoghan, Joseph Quinn and Harris Dickinson

FILMY FRIENDSHIPS

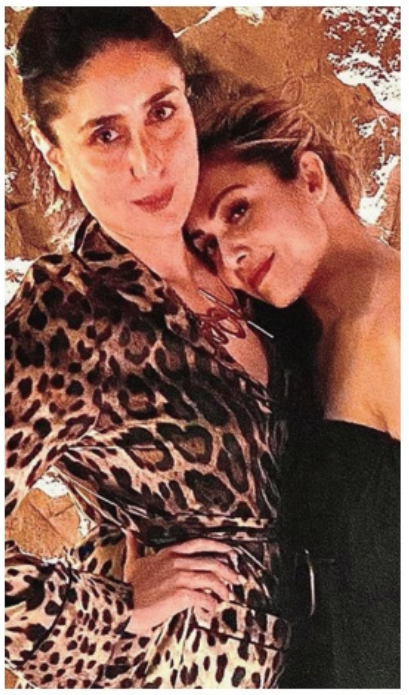
Bollywood's most adorable off-screen bonds

These film industry personalities have been friends for a long long time. ETimes lists out some of the great friends in B-Town

Alia Bhatt & Katrina Kaif

Despite once sharing a romantic connection with the same person, Alia and Katrina have developed a beautiful friendship. They often work out together, go on vacations, and shower each other with love on social media. Their bond is a testament to the fact that genuine friendships can transcend past relationships.

Kareena Kapoor Khan & Amrita Arora



Kareena and Amrita have been inseparable for years, often spotted together at brunches, vacations, and gym sessions. Their friendship is a blend of laughter, loyalty, and mutual admiration. Whether cheering for each other on social media or attending Bollywood parties hand in hand, these two prove that true friendships only get stronger with time.

Deepika Padukone & Shahana Goswami

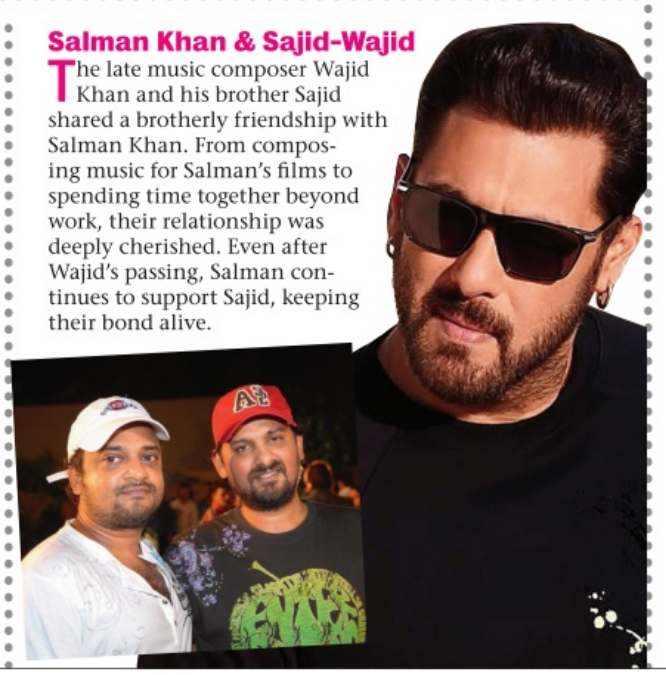
Deepika and Shahana first met on the sets of Break Ke Baad and quickly formed a strong friendship. Despite their different career paths, they have remained close over the years, supporting each other's professional and personal journeys.

Shah Rukh Khan & Karan Johar

One of the most iconic friendships in Bollywood, SRK and KJo have been like family for decades. Their camaraderie is evident in their collaborations, interviews, and the way they support each other unconditionally. Karan Johar never shies away from expressing his love and admiration for Shah Rukh, and their bond remains one of the strongest in the industry.

Salman Khan & Sajid-Wajid

The late music composer Wajid Khan and his brother Sajid shared a brotherly friendship with Salman Khan. From composing music for Salman's films to spending time together beyond work, their relationship was deeply cherished. Even after Wajid's passing, Salman continues to support Sajid, keeping their bond alive.



Ranveer Singh & Arjun Kapoor

Bollywood's most entertaining "Baba" duo, Ranveer and Arjun, share a hilarious and heartwarming friendship. Their bromance is filled with playful banter, quirky social media interactions, and unwavering support for each other's careers. Their bond is as strong off-screen as their on-screen chemistry in Gunday.

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Dance for KD

After the success of its first song, Shiva Shiva, the team of pan-Indian movie KD unveiled the second song – Settaagalla Kane Nangu Ningu – on Saturday. KD is directed by Prem who is known for many successful movies including Kariya, Villain, and Ek Love Ya. It is bankrolled by Venkat Narayan Konanki under the KVN Productions banner.

The shooting of the second song is yet to begin. The team members decided to give audiences and music lovers a chance to become choreographers by composing hook steps for the song. "Music lovers have to compose choreography (hook steps) for this song and post it on social media. Our team will watch the steps and will select the best ones to adapt it while shooting the song," said director Prem. Music director Arjun Janya said that he composed tunes for this song while chatting at his studio. "All of us have considered this movie as a spiritual project. The producer has invested a lot of money," said Arjun Janya.

Songs released

Two lyrical songs from the film Arindam were unveiled at SRV Preview Theatre on Tuesday. Kalki Agasthya and Sawad M have directed this suspense thriller. Kalki also plays the lead while Shwetha Bhat is paired opposite him.

"The film revolves around Kali who faces many problems. The movie set in 2008 has all elements to cater to the needs of audiences" Agasthya said.

The director said the hero in the movie is an introvert. "The hero loses his mother at an early age and he has many enemies. The climax is how the hero prevails over them. The shooting of the movie is completed and the post-production works are in progress. We are planning to release a duet song of the movie shortly," he said. Shwetha Bhat debuts as a heroine in Sandalwood with this movie. "I got opportunities to act in movies and tele serials after playing the heroine in this movie. I play an innocent girl in the movie. The shooting of the movie was held in Dandeli for two months," she said.